

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting
December 3, 1999

7:30 a.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:58 a.m., Friday, December 3, 1999, in the Restaurant of the Duke of York Motel by Chairman Sheila S. Noll.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zarembo, Sheila S. Noll, and Jere M. Mills.

Albert R. Meadows and James W. Funk were absent.

Also in attendance were Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

JOINT MEETING WITH YORK COUNTY'S LEGISLATORS

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 2000

York County Legislators present: Senator Thomas K. Norment, Senator Martin E. Williams, and Delegate Jo Ann Davis.

Chairman Noll reviewed briefly and discussed with the County's legislative delegation the legislation being requested by the County in 2000, the topics of which were:

- Payment of interest on refunds of erroneously assessed taxes
- Increase funding for the statewide Transportation Revenue Sharing Program
- Composition of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and transportation funding formulas
- Authorize a demonstration Traffic Light Signal Photo-Monitoring System
- Enterprise Zones

Chairman Noll concluded her summary by stating the bottom line is that the County asks that the General Assembly take no action that will harm the County. She stated education is a very big issue in York County, and she asked for more funding in support of that area.

Senator Williams noted there was a big push to rewrite formulas on local government funding.

Discussion followed on the disparity in the State's funding formulas for local government.

Mr. Mills asked the delegation what the County could expect in the way of new legislation.

Senator Norment stated there will be some Growth Management legislation in 2000 as well as legislation giving localities the option to adopt ordinances to increase recordation taxes for property deeded to open space.

Mr. Mills indicated that one of the most important things done by local government is land use. It is very difficult to tell developers how a piece of property should be developed. He asked if the delegation saw this type of authority shifting to the State.

Senator Williams stated he saw it going back more to local government.

Senator Norment expressed his agreement, stating there will be more authority given to local government rather than more centralization at the state level.

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Mr. Stuck then reviewed the legislative policies contained in the Board's 2000 Legislative Program, and emphasized certain issues as examples of the policy statements which were:

Increase State funding to localities for new and existing State-mandated programs

Overhaul the Commonwealth's tax structure

Make changes to State programs that enhance the effectiveness of public expenditures—don't increase local responsibilities and shift the cost while at the same time reducing State services and funding.

Discussion followed on education spending and lack of control on the part of the Board of Supervisors as to how the education funds are spent once appropriated to the School Board.

Mr. Mills left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Mr. Stuck distributed to the delegation a chart depicting figures dealing with the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) spending in York County, indicating the consolidation efforts have not worked.

Mrs. Anne B. Smith, Director of Community Services, reviewed and explained the part of the Legislative Program dealing with the CSA workgroup and the results of their efforts. She stated that local governments are only asking for some clarification of how the program should be administered on the State level. She also spoke of the growing concern about the decline of the role of the State health agencies for people who need to be hospitalized for various reasons. Mrs. Smith stated there are no outlets other than private providers with which to place a child needing residential care under the CSA because the adolescent facilities have closed. Mrs. Smith briefly spoke of the funding needs regarding juvenile offenders.

Chairman Noll thanked the delegation for meeting with the Board and asked them to contact the Board or County Administrator if they needed help during the 2000 session of the General Assembly pertaining to legislation affecting York County.

Meeting Adjourned. At 8:58 a.m. Chairman Noll declared the meeting adjourned sine die.

Daniel M. Stuck, Clerk
York County Board of Supervisors

Sheila S. Noll, Chairman
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